

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, November 2, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar, was answered by Mayor Jason Thompson, Council members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting on Monday, October 19, 2009, and special meeting on Thursday, October 29, 2009, a motion was made by Council member Jim Mann, seconded by Council member Eric Storm, to approve the minutes as presented. Four ayes, one abstained, for the minutes on October 19, 2009, motion carried. All ayes, motion carried for the minutes on October 29, 2009.

There was a deletion to the agenda: Presentation of the Downtown Revitalization Project – Schneider Corporation – Kevin Foster

Citizens Participation

Wayne Kilkhammer addressed the Council concerning East Ohio Street residents. Last year, Mr. Jack McIlrath, sent out a survey to 20 residents on East Ohio Street concerning water and sewer service and road conditions. Fifteen residents responded. Ten had no interest in water and sewer, six had interest in both, and fourteen had interest in widening the road and fixing drainage problems at the curve. Mayor Thompson stated that the City is slowly working on East Ohio Street. Recently, there was a parcel by parcel survey done in this area. This will help the City to take the next necessary steps in correcting some, or all, of these issues.

Department Head Reports

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that everything is running pretty normal. They are doing some end of the year training that did not get done in the spring. They are working on some open investigations at this time.

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that they have been very busy. He gave the Council a copy of the news release from the Hall's Mall fire. He thanked everyone who helped with the fire. They finished up today with the State Fire Marshall. The cause was electrical. Chief Swaim recently finished up the Jefferson Township ambulance and fire contracts, along with the Union Township fire contract.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated we pumped almost 7 million gallons of water in two days due to the fire. He has been working on the Tornado Memorial and feels a decision needs to be made about selling bricks again.

Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated all the water used for the fire did not create any problems for the wastewater plant. Everything is running normal at the plant. He has been busy working on Sixth Street and the new nursing home.

Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that tomorrow they are closing the restrooms for the season and winterizing the parks. Jordan Park has stakes everywhere. He will meet with Bob Gross to go over the plans and the skate park pad should be poured by the end of the week or next week. He is starting to work on Christmas lights and displays. Volunteers from Walmart will help to put these up.

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that he has nine men picking up leaves. He is averaging 14 to 15 loads a day. They are very busy. He has four extra part time employees. Everything else is going well.

Committee Reports

Mayor Thompson stated that the trash committee met last week. He gave the Council a copy of the trash committee report. He discussed the recommendations of the trash committee. Award of the refuse collection contract will be at the November 16, 2009 Board of Works meeting.

Discussion of Storm Drain Markings – White County Soil & Water Conservation – Laura VanMeter

Laura VanMeter, White County Soil & Water Conservation, addressed the Council about marking storm drains within the City. This will be at no cost to the City. She showed the Council what one of the markings would look like and how they are secured to the drains. The idea is to get people to realize anything they dump down the drain, wash off the lawn, and that leaks out of their vehicles goes straight to the water. She will have an organizational meeting in May for volunteers willing to help mark the drains. This project will begin in late spring into summer.

Ordinance 2009-24; Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of White County, State of Indiana – Amending Appendix B: Bulk Use Standards

Council member Jim Mann stated that this Ordinance is amending set back restrictions. Some setbacks were more restrictive than others. This amendment makes them all consistent with each other. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to approve Ordinance 2009-24, seconded by Council member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance 2009-25; Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of White County, State of Indiana – Amending Chapter 12: Administration

Council member Jim Mann stated that this Ordinance is concerning the Board of Zoning Appeals. The amendment will allow for assignment of a hearing officer, which would hear lower level applications that could be handled without the full board meeting. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to approve Ordinance 2009-25, seconded by Council member Eric Storm. All ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance 2009-26; Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of White County, State of Indiana – Amending Chapter 3: Home Occupation

Council member Jim Mann stated that this Ordinance is concerning home occupation. This amendment clarifies some confusing language in the original ordinance. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to approve Ordinance 2009-26, seconded by Council member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

Introduction of Proposed Water and Sewer Rate Amendment Ordinances

City Attorney George Loy stated that this is a necessary part of the ongoing water and sewer projects. These are an amendment to the existing water and sewer rate ordinances.

Ordinance 2009-27 is the proposed water works ordinance and 2009-28 is the proposed sewer works ordinance. These rate amendments will be considered at the December 7, 2009 Council meeting, at which there will be a public hearing. Final adoption of these ordinances will be after notice has been published and sent to certain rate payers. Water rates are phased in January 1, 2010 and January 1, 2011. Sewer rates will not take effect until January 1, 2011. This is the introduction of both of these ordinances. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to move introduction and first reading tonight to public hearing on December 7, 2009, seconded by Council member Dave Kelly. All ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Liz Oilar
Clerk Treasurer